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Sincerely,

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I own two Tivo series 3 boxes today. They are vastly superior in quality and functionality than a set top box that would be provided by a cable company. The cable card today works fine although many advanced features of the Tivo box are still disabled due to legal issues with respect to Cable Card. The major phone companies and cable providers ultimately have little interest in innovation and are trying to twist arms through these waivers to allow them to continue delivering a crappy consumer experience without making real investment in quality and functionality. These companies fear competition and any threat to their captive markets.

Ultimately they will fail as the consumer driven market (example Internet) will overcome their efforts but in the short term having the FCC bend over to meet their demands is a complete vacating of responsibility on the part of the FCC. I urge this FCC not to be remembered as a sham and shill for big business interests.

Simon Lewis
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